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RUSSIAN DRIVE IS STOPPED

German Forces, By Encircling Counter-Attack, Halt Advance of Czar's Army and Capture 400 Prisoners.

Heavy Fighting Continues Along the Somme With No Important Changes—French Repulse Many Attacks.

Berlin, July 13.—German troops under command of General Count Von Bothmer by an encircling counter-attack, has driven back the Russian forces which had pushed forward in the region northwest of Buczacz in Galicia, says the German official statement issued today. The Germans took 400 Russian prisoners.

Fighting in France
London, July 13.—Fighting continues at various points along the battle front in the region of the river Somme in France but there has been no change in the situation of any part of the British line says an official statement issued by the war department this afternoon.

RUSSIANS USING GREAT QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION

London, July 13.—The recovery of the Russian armies since their defeat of last year and the apparently inexhaustible supplies of guns and ammunition with which they are provided continues to be a source of wonder to military writers. At least six great armies are engaged against the Austrians and Germans on Russia's western front. All of them are using great quantities of ammunition, even those most definitely on the offensive.

The forces under Grand Duke Nicholas in Armenia and Persia have been fighting vigorously against the Turks for months. A few weeks ago parts of these forces, particularly those in western Armenia, were compelled to fall back in the face of a stronger Turkish army. Early this week the Grand Duke resumed the offensive in this region and recaptured Mamakhatum, 90 miles west of Erzerum, so that the Turks have fallen back some 25 miles from the furthest point reached in their counter-offensive.

Meanwhile, the armies directly south of the Finik Marshes are fighting a pitched battle with the Austro-German forces of General Von Linsingen along the line of the Stokhod river. It probably will be some days before the decision is reached, as the Tatars have brought very strong reinforcements in the hope of retaining possession of Korol, loss of which would necessitate a regrouping over a long stretch of the front.

North of the Finik Marshes the fighting at present is largely with artillery. In Galicia the Russian armies are re-forming for continuation of the offensive.

In the west, the renewed efforts of the German Crown Prince at Verdun temporarily are taking precedence in the public mind over the battle of the Somme. The attack just delivered by the Germans before Verdun is the seventh great onslaught with dense masses of troops since the operations began some five months ago. The Germans have made a slight gain but apparently this has not lessened the confidence of the French in their ability to hold fast. They still have three solid lines of defense which would be penetrated before the German objective can be gained.

The British are still engaged in clearing the Germans from fortified positions which must be taken before the general offensive can be renewed.

French Troops Stop Raids by Germans
Paris, July 13.—There was no infantry fighting of importance last night on the Verdun front or over the position of the Somme front held by the French, today's official report says. Intermittent artillery engagements occurred in the Somme section. In the vicinity of Souville, Chenols and La Laiterie, before Verdun, a heavy bombardment was maintained by the Germans.

In the Champagne, the French penetrated a salient of the German front and took prisoners. Two German guards in the Argonne was stopped by the French.

MILITIAMEN EXPECT TO VISIT MEXICAN WATERS ON CRUISE AS RESULT OF NEW ORDERS

The administration is planning a naval demonstration off the Gulf coast of Mexico in conjunction with the mobilization of troops along the border, is indicated in dispatches from the Navy Department extending the time of cruise of all naval militia organizations in the Northern Atlantic states. This order applies to all the Connecticut Naval Militia. Although naval officers here would not discuss the matter today other than to admit that orders extending the cruise have been received, it is the general impression that when the vessels that are to pick the eastern naval militia-men have embarked their crews they will sail at once for Mexican waters.

The annual cruise of the Bridgeport Naval Militia has been extended five days according to telegraphic orders received today from Adjutant-General George M. Cole by Lieut. Alfred C. Chippendale, commanding the Third Division. Instead of from Saturday, July 15 to Monday, July 24, the cruise has been extended to Saturday, July 23.

Part of the Third division which is to cruise on the double barreled monitor Amphitrite will leave Bridgeport on a special train at 6:40 Saturday morning.

They will go to New Haven where they will embark with members of the New Haven division and the Marine band. Their destination after leaving New Haven and the region of their cruise has not yet been made known. Telegraphic orders regarding the extension of their period of the cruise have been sent all officers of the Connecticut militia. The Third Division of Bridgeport will be under command of Ensign William Anderson, during the cruise on the Amphitrite.

A special train leaving Bridgeport at 6:15 o'clock Saturday morning, will take Lieutenant Albert J. Merritt, Lieutenant Alfred C. Chippendale and portions of the Naval Militia from Bridgeport and Norwalk by way of Waterbury to Hartford where the Hartford division will join them. They will go to the South station, Boston, and march from there to the Charlestown navy yard where they will embark on the battleship Virginia which is to take the Massachusetts Naval Militia on its annual cruise. The Virginia is of the dreadnaught type, one of the largest and most modern fighting vessels in the American navy.

It is the belief of Connecticut navy officers that a naval demonstration along the Gulf coast will put a stop to interference by factional leaders with American troops.

This demonstration in conjunction with the demonstration by the land forces along the northern border of Mexico and the United States it is believed will aid the Carranza government in establishing order.

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VON BERNSTORFF TO VISIT GREAT UNDERSEA LINER

German Ambassador Leaves for Baltimore to Felicitate Captain.

VESEL UNLOADED BY NIGHT WORKERS

New York Importers Fail to Get Consignments of Dyestuffs.

New York, July 13.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, left here for Baltimore today to visit the German submarine Deutschland and to extend his congratulations to her commander, Captain Paul Koenig, for his feat in bringing the vessel across the Atlantic. The Ambassador's visit will be unofficial.

Local importers of dyestuffs who have been hoping they would share in the cargo of that material reported to have been brought from Germany on board the submarine Deutschland, said today they have received no manifests indicating that she brought consignments to them.

UNLOADING IS FINISHED.
Baltimore, July 13.—Unloading of the German super-submarine Deutschland was completed early today and the ship's rise revealed that the estimates of her size have been exaggerated. Instead of being more than 200 feet long and 30 feet wide, her length is not more than 250 feet and her width is less than 25 feet. Her over-all draft, figured submerged, shows that she needs at least 32 feet for complete submergence.

Through all the feverish activity of the last hours of the unloading, the tug Thomas E. Timmons played the strong beams of a powerful searchlight all about, sweeping the waters, the shore lines and the Deutschland's deck. A smaller powered searchlight which had been set up on a motorboat reached corners that were beyond the Timmons' light.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is expected to come to Baltimore today to inspect the Deutschland. Mayor James H. Preston will take luncheon with the ambassador and Carl A. Ludewitz, the German consul here, and afterward will visit the Deutschland.

This evening the mayor will entertain at dinner at his home Count Von Bernstorff, Mr. Ludwig, Captain Paul Koenig, of the Deutschland, and other distinguished guests.

The crew of the Deutschland decided to turn over to the Red Cross fund the \$10,000 gift for valor from a New Yorker.

CROWD BEACHES SEEKING RELIEF FROM HUMIDITY

Many Desert City For Cooler Spots in Neighboring Shore Resorts.

With excessive temperature yesterday afternoon and evening, many Bridgeporters deserted the city for nearby resorts. Fully 400 persons were bathing at Fairfield beach last night and about 1,000 were reported resting on the beach at 10 o'clock. The trolley service, inadequate to carry the crowds to that section, were supplemented by jitneys and even then groups of persons took for long spaces of time on the corners between Main and Ellsworth streets. Similar conditions prevailed on the routes to Walnut Beach and Pleasant Beach.

One heat prostration was reported today. The semi-official instruments of Harvey & Lewis in Main street carried these records: Wednesday, 1 p. m., 90 degrees Fahrenheit; 6 p. m., 80 degrees; midnight, 75 degrees. From 6 o'clock this morning when the same record was observed, the mercury rose steadily until it reached 85 degrees at noon, or three degrees higher than yesterday at the same time.

The hygrometer record of humidity was given as 85. This is an extreme amount of moisture to be carried and accounts materially for the extreme discomfort added to the night season at a high temperature.

Plans to carry large numbers of patrons to the shore resorts at an early hour tonight. Theaters are utilizing large quantities of ice in cooling their auditoriums and soda fountains, many of which ran out of ice cream last night. Additional supplies are being laid in.

SCORE DEAD, MANY MISSING IN SERIES OF BIG EXPLOSIONS

TERRIFIC THUNDERSTORM SWEEPS BRIDGEPORT AND VICINITY; TWO MEN HIT

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Two men were struck by lightning. One was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

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Trees on Goodsell street were shattered by bolts. Windows in the Bridgeport Oyster house in Main street, near Goodsell street, were smashed.

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The full fury of the storm lasted about 20 minutes. For half an hour preceding the rain, storm clouds lowered so that automobiles were required to light lamps.

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John Gallick, a shoemaker at McGee's coal yard, working at one of the electric screening machines, was stunned when a bolt struck the machine. He refused treatment when the ambulance corps arrived.

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Jitney drivers abandoned their automobiles in the streets and sought shelter with their passengers.

The catch basins were unable to cope with the torrential rains and sidewalks were under water in many parts of the city. In the South End, near the railroad viaduct, the water was two feet deep in places.

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Forty in Hospitals As Ammonia Plant in Brooklyn Butcher Shop Blows Up, Causing Three Story Building to Topple.

DuPont Company Powder House Goes Up, Killing Four—Three Dead, Several Hurt As Lightning Causes Blast in Buffalo.

More than a score of persons were killed and property damage of hundreds of thousands of dollars was wrought by three explosions today.

In Brooklyn, seven are known to be dead and 40 injured following the collapse of a building after an ammonia plant in a butcher shop blew up.

Four are dead and three hurt as a result of an explosion in a powder house of the DuPont Powder Company at Pompton Lakes, N. J.

Three were killed, several are missing and six were injured by the collapse of a building near Buffalo. Struck by lightning an explosion that wrecked the building followed.

Lightning bolt CAUSE OF BLAST; THREE ARE DEAD

Buffalo, N. Y., July 13.—Three men were killed, six men were seriously injured and several were reported missing as the result of the collapse today of one of the main buildings at the plant of the Smet Solvay Co. on the Niagara river road two miles from Buffalo city line.

The building, west down just as a storm broke. Some of the workmen said lightning struck a tall chimney causing it to collapse. The men killed had taken refuge under bricks and debris.

The lightning bolt is believed to have caused an explosion that wrecked the building.

TENANTS BURIED AS THREE-STORY BUILDING FALLS

New York, July 13.—Seven persons are reported to have been killed and a number injured when an ammonia tank in a Brooklyn butcher shop exploded today. The entire three-story building in which the butcher shop was located collapsed, burying the occupants beneath it.

Ambulances and firemen were rushed to the scene and the work of extricating the victims was begun. It was said there were five employees and about that number of customers in the shop when the explosion occurred. The top floor of the building was unoccupied.

It had not been determined whether or not there was anyone on the second floor.

The shop is owned by M. Schmidt, said to be among the missing.

The work of digging the bodies out of the ruins proceeded slowly. An hour after the explosion it was estimated that between 20 and 30 persons had been taken to hospital.

POWDER HOUSE BLOWS UP; FOUR WORKMEN DEAD

Pompton Lakes, N. J., July 13.—One of the powder houses of the Dupont Powder Works near here, blew up today, shaking the surrounding country. It was reported that four had been killed and three injured.

GALLAGHER'S DEATH ACCIDENT.

Accidental death is Coroner Phelan's finding in the case of James H. Gallagher, the railroad conductor, who was electrocuted June 28 in Stamford. After hearing a number of witnesses the coroner decided there was no criminal negligence or carelessness. Gallagher was 49 years old. He was in charge of switching operations in the railroad yards in Stamford when he came into contact with a highly charged wire.

DARGAN ESTATE \$4,000.

Edward L. Dargan was appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Mary J. Dargan, late of 86 Washington terrace, in the probate court today. Mrs. Dargan died recently, a victim of the septic sore throat epidemic. The estate consists of real estate to the value of \$4,000 and \$600 cash in banks. Besides Edward L. Dargan the heirs are Veronica Dargan and Anna S. Dargan, daughters of the deceased. The appraisers are Stephen D. Horan and William Shaw.

EXPERT HERE TO AID IN FIGHTING AGAINST PLAGUE

Dr. Sophian of Rockefeller Institute Assumes Charge of Campaign.

BLOTTED OUT TEXAS PARALYSIS EPIDEMIC

Police and Nurses Assigned Today to Guard All Entry Points to City.

Dr. Abraham Sophian, member of the Rockefeller Institute at New York, who is responsible for the suppression of infantile paralysis in Texas, arrived in Bridgeport today to assume complete control of the anti-infection campaign instituted by the city.

Assistant Surgeon General W. C. Rucker, of the United States Public Health Service, in Washington, informed the local officials today that the Federal department was taking steps to prevent the spread of epidemic in and from New York city and that within a few days a Federal inspection and notification system would be put into effect upon all railroads leading out of New York.

"It is to be inspected," he says, "that there will be a certain number of cases in cities near New York but from the history of the epidemics it is believed that the disease in outside places will assume epidemic proportions."

The Federal bureau will co-operate healthily with local health officers and furnished today valuable information for distribution among residents.

The third case of infantile paralysis to be reported in Bridgeport was examined by the health officials today, with the result that while positive diagnosis is withheld the symptoms are believed sufficient to consider the infantile paralysis and quarantine of the home has been resorted to. The new case is that of Thomas Griffith, aged 2 1/2 years, living at 1277 Pennbrook street. The history as reported by Dr. Herrman Duesing, shows that the symptoms developed in slight fever with mild paralysis of one arm.

The names of seven new nurses temporarily employed by the health board are as follows: Miss Annie Light, 259 Black Rock avenue; Miss Tillie Schack, 1458 Fairfield avenue; Miss Mary B. Brady, 1458 Fairfield avenue; Miss Frances Wells, 1085 Fairfield avenue; Miss Lillian Berre, 810 Myrtle avenue; Miss Hazel Goddard, State street, and Miss Katherine Lyon, 1843 Fairfield avenue. One more nurse is sought today.

Four new sanitary inspectors were employed temporarily today and immediately assigned to inspection of the streets, yards and alleyways. Under the new system instituted by Inspector C. Howard Dunbar, the city has been divided and every house will be examined. The names of those employed today are: William Madden, 32 Hamilton street; Bernard

PRISONERS BREAK NEWTOWN'S JAIL AND ELUDE COPS

Half a Dozen Escape While Constable Telephones to Justice Court.

ONE WHO RETURNED IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Miles Away, Fugitives Climb Hill's Brow in Sight of Villagers.

(Special to The Farmer.)
Newtown, July 13.—Newtown had a new sensation yesterday forenoon when six prisoners broke jail and escaped to the jungles of Taunton district, and despite the efforts of a cordon of the town constabulary for hours, succeeded in eluding capture.

Towards sundown one prisoner, a youth of 16, returned to the Center after the search was abandoned by the posse, and gave himself up. He said some of the searching party twice came within five feet of his hiding place, but the intricate and tangled shrubbery saved him. Hunger drove him to town, and he threw himself on the mercy of the authorities, saying the others abandoned him in their flight.

These six youths ranging in age between 16 and 19 years were arrested at the Sandy Hook station on the Highland division by Constable Austin E. Hurd, who rounded them up. They were charged with train-riding and arraigned in Justice McCarthy's court. They made no defense, and the justice bound the six over to the superior court.

Constable Hurd took the prisoners to the lock-up in the Town hall, while awaiting the necessary commitment papers from Justice McCarthy. The constable went to the nearest telephone to hire an automobile to convey the convicted men to Bridgeport. In his absence of only a few minutes the prisoners broke out of the pen, passed up through the auditorium of the hall and out of the front door.

Many citizens saw their departure, but supposed they had been discharged.

When the constable returned the late prisoners were pointed out to him, ascending the slopes of Castle Hill a quarter of a mile to the westward.

The posse was quickly gathered, the telephone was utilized to mobilize the constabulary and after a vain search all the afternoon the wanted prisoners returned to find that one of the quarry had given himself up. He was given his supper and his freedom by Justice McCarthy.

Caught by Sergeant John Barton after a chase through crowded Main street yesterday afternoon, George Cratchly, 22, of New York, was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to five months in jail in the city court today by Judge Wilder. He was hanged with breach of the peace as he followed Miss Eliza Nelson through several Main street stores.

BRIDGEPORT PRODUCTS PLAYING IMPORTANT PART IN GALICIAN DRIVE OF THE RUSSIAN ARMIES

Rifles and ammunition "Made in Bridgeport," are playing an important part in the campaign with Russia in Galicia against the Germans and Austrians. The rifles were made by the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., and the shells were in them were turned out by the Union Metallic Cartridge Co.

It is well known that Russia was caught at the start of the war in almost complete unpreparedness. It had the men, legions of them, but no rifles for them and no cartridges as well. Hence its early orders were large in volume and placed, of course, in the United States.

The Arms Co. received a large order but was greatly delayed in fulfilling it, and hence it was not until some time during the past winter that any of its rifles reached the Czar and his men. Some of these rifles were seen in the Memorial day parade and carried into the Canadian Pacific to Vancouver and thence across the Pacific to Siberia and then by the United States.

It was the same with the cartridges, although even worse, as the embargo placed by the New Haven on shipments delayed matters a great deal. All last year cartridges were made for Russia by the Cartridge Co., and shipped at regular intervals. This work was kept up during the winter and as shipments were few a large quantity of ammunition accumulated at the plant.

But during the months of May and June shipments were so heavy that over 15,000,000 cartridges alone were sent off, the greater part to Russia, they going the same route as did the rifles.

The earlier shipments have been received and indeed there is ample reason for believing that their receipt is what induced the start of the last offensive by the Russians.

Large quantities are being shipped daily so as to insure an ample supply while rifles are being sent along as fast as they can be turned out since Russia still needs great amounts of both munitions in order to arm its hordes.

Fully a million cartridges are now being turned out daily by the Cartridge plant, the greater part of which is for Russia alone. Two Russian officers of high rank are kept here as inspectors and have no mean job in passing upon the daily output since the restrictions placed upon its acceptance are very stringent as the Russian government realizes how much depends upon having perfect ammunition ready at all times.

Russia does not possess the requisite skill or equipment for making its own ammunition, as do England and France, hence has to depend upon this country.

BOYS AND MEN AT SCREW CO. OUT ON STRIKE

Machinists' Union to Investigate Ages of Young Factory Workers.

Because their request for shorter hours was refused, nearly 100 boys and men employed at the Bridgeport Screw Co. went on strike yesterday afternoon. They were employed as automatic screw machine operators.

George J. Bowen, business agent of Local No. 16, International Association of Machinists, said today, he will make an investigation because of the suspicion that some of the children are less than 14 years old. Many of them look to be about 12. Some may have misrepresented their ages, he believes.

According to the strikers, who gathered this morning in Machinists' hall, they asked yesterday for shorter hours and their plea was received with the time-worn answer that the eight-hour day would ruin the business because of competition. They walked out.

MOLDERS QUIT WHEN DEMAND ISN'T GRANTED

Workers in Two Foundries on Strike For Increase in Wages.

Nearly 120 molders employed at the Coulter & Mackenzie Co. of this city and Joseph A. Taylor foundry in Fairfield went on strike this morning for more wages. A strike vote was taken last night at a meeting held in G. A. R. hall and none of the molders was in this morning.

"The men haven't received a satisfactory reply," said J. R. O'Leary, who is organizing the molders here. "We shall send a committee to see the officials of the plant either this afternoon or tomorrow and we expect something more favorable will develop."

A meeting of the strikers was held this morning in Bartenders' hall, 119 Wall street.

Mr. O'Leary said that the molders throughout the city are being organized and plans are being made for a movement for better wages in all the factories except the Crane Co. and the A. T. & S. Co. The strikers affect several hundred helpers, scratchers and clippers.

ASK U.S. TO LIFT EMBARGO AGAINST MEXICO SUPPLIES

Washington, July 13.—Authority from the state department to permit restoration to normal of movement into Mexico of all commodities except munitions of war was asked today by the treasury department.

Forecast: Generally fair and slightly cooler tonight and Friday.

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